

REMARKS

The Advisory Action mailed on March 15, 2006, has been received and reviewed in light of the Final Action mailed December 30, 2005. Claims 1, 2, 4 through 6, 8 through 15, and 17 through 19 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4 through 6, 8 through 15, and 17 through 19 continue to be rejected and the proposed amendments to Claim 17 and 18 were not entered by the Examiner as noted in the Advisory Action.

Applicants are filing this Amendment with an RCE and the requisite fees. Applicants have amended Claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 15, 17, 18, and 19 herein.

Applicants note that the Advisory Action indicated that the amendments proposed by Applicants to Claims 17 and 18 in the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 may be the subject of further 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejections. The amendments to Claims 17 and 18 herein are believed to overcome any 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejections as the amendments are supported by paragraph [00016] of the Specification.

Applicants also note that the Advisory Action did not address Applicants' arguments with respect to the 35 U.S.C. § 103 obviousness rejections. Applicants respectfully resubmit that the 35 U.S.C. § 103 obviousness rejections presented heretofore are improper because the cited references do not support a *prima facie* obviousness rejection of the claims. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims as amended herein.

Examiner's Suggested Amendments

Claim 19 is an independent claim and is amended herein to conform to the suggestions of the Examiner. Applicants thank the Examiner for the suggested recitations which are believed to place Claim 19 in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request the allowance of Claim 19.

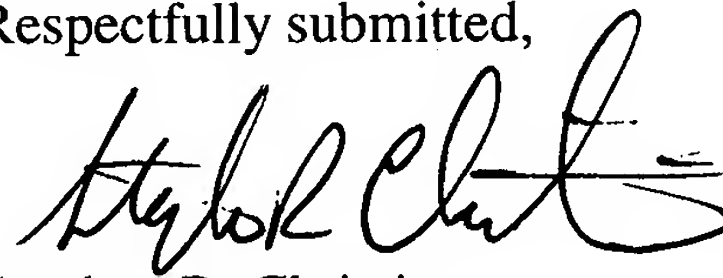
ENTRY OF AMENDMENTS

The amendments to Claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 15, 17, 18, and 19 should be entered by the Examiner because the amendments are supported by the as-filed specification and drawings and do not add any new matter to the application.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1, 2, 4 through 6, 8 through 15, and 17 through 19 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner determine that additional issues remain which might be resolved by a telephone conference, she is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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